

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 13 and 28 have been amended. Claims 13-22, 25 and 28 are pending and under consideration.

The new matter objection and §112 rejections are overcome by the present amendments.

Claims 13-16, 25 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Okuda et al. in view of Oyama et al. and further in view of Miyashita et al.

Using independent claim 13 as an example, this claim recites a first guide plate; a first primary light source disposed beside the first guide plate; a second guide plate; a second primary light source disposed beside the second guide plate. Claim 13 further recites said first guide plate and said second guide plate being laminatedly arranged so that said second back face extends along said first emission face.

In contrast, Miyashita does not teach or suggest the claimed laminated arrangement in which the light sources are beside the guide plates. Thus, even assuming, *arguendo*, that the slopes 306 of Miyashita correspond to the claimed slopes, this reference fails to teach the claimed first and second guide plates.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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